



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Class Meetings I hope you managed to tune in to the class meetings with your children's class teachers. If not, do ask for the presentations from the teachers – and please read the Class Letters, too. It's all to help you to support your children in their learning which we hope makes for a seamless life for them!

Clubs will be starting soon! – See the booklet and apply, and please remember that if you are struggling financially you should just contact us (see me outside at drop off or pick-up, or email or phone in and speak to Mrs Forte or myself), and we will sort out the payment as we have funds available for this.

Covid News Rates are low in this area, which is great. We are doing lots of ventilation to keep blowing the bugs away. Please let us know in good time of all absences, and of results of PCR tests – and continue to keep off for a PCR test if there are symptoms. Thank you.

More new staff!

We also welcomed Mrs Newson (LSA in Year 2) and Coach Stacy (PE coach for KS2) to Bishops' this term, and FS started this week, so it's been a real pleasure to see our new little children settling in beautifully (here are some of them).

Welcome to you all.



Coach Stacy is a dancer, cheer-leader and gymnast amongst other things and we are looking forward to the clubs she will lead.

Here's Year 4 practising a special kind of gymnastic move:



Meanwhile Coach Chris (who played basketball at an international level in his youth) was teaching basketball skills:



It's great to see our Year 6s settling into their Year 6 block and being mature and responsible. We are all looking forward to Thorpe Woodlands!



The **Choir** has started – 64 of them! This term's big event is the concert at the Royal Albert Hall where they will be led by an international conductor and sing with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra – it does not get much better than that!



The Library

Here's Mrs Fellowes patiently cataloguing books for our new Accelerated Reading system. We are investing in many new books this year to update our well-used library resources.

Thank you, Mrs F!



The **British Science Festival** is being run by Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford and it's a great opportunity to take your children to exciting science demonstrations. Look it up at <https://britishsciencefestival.org/> - there are events at the moment and over the weekend, including in the evening., and booking is via the website.

We have welcomed **Father Jijo** this week, and we look forward to all he will do with us in our worship and the life of the school.



A Few Reminders for Drivers:

- Walk if you can! It will help your daily step count and give your children fitness for life and oxygen for learning
- Please don't drive into the school carpark driveway and reverse out onto Beardsley Drive – at any time of day



A reminder for holiday-makers:

- Please do everything you can to keep your children coming to school every day – missed learning matters. School holidays and weekends are for going away! We all understand there can be exceptional reasons for absence – please talk to us.

Lunchtime Menu: Week Beginning Monday 13th September 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta with Tomato Sauce or Cheese	Cumberland Sausage with Gravy	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Minced Beef Mexican Style Burritos	Omega 3 Breadcrumbed Fish Fingers
Served with Mixed Salad	<u>OR</u> Gluten Free Spicy Bean Burger	<u>OR</u> Roasted Seasonal Vegetable Parcels	<u>OR</u> Vegetable Fajitas	<u>OR</u> Veggie Fingers
Fresh Fruit Selection	Served with New Potatoes, Baked Beans or Peas	Chocolate Ice Cream	Served with Sweetcorn	Served with Chips & Baked Beans or Peas
	Chunky Flapjack		Chilled Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Selection

Looking Ahead

Tuesday 14th September—Church Service for Group 2 led by Class 6FT,
6FT parents welcome, also via Zoom, 9.20am;

11+ Information Meeting for Year 5 parents via Zoom, 6pm

Wednesday 15th September— 1YD Class meetings via Zoom, 6pm; FS in for lunch

Thursday 16th September— FS full time from today

Friday 17th September—3M Class Assembly in the Hall,
3M parents welcome, also via Zoom, 9.20am

Monday 20th September— Assembly led by Rev Gareth Jones, Chelmsford Diocese

Tuesday 28th September—PTA AGM in the Courtyard, 7 for 7.30pm

Thursday 30th September/Thursday 25th November—Flu Immunisations

Monday 4th October—6FT's residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands, 8am

Wednesday 6th October—6A's residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands, 8am;
6FT return from Thorpe Woodlands, 5.15pm

Friday 8th October—6A return from Thorpe Woodlands, 5.15pm

Friday 22nd October—Non-pupil day; Parent Consultations

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October— Half term break

Tuesday Church Services, Autumn Term 2021

<u>September 7th</u> Group 1 led by 6A	<u>September 14th</u> Group 2 led by 6FT	<u>September 21st</u> Harvest	<u>September 28th</u> Group 2 led by 5B	<u>October 5th</u> Group 1 led by 4S
<u>October 12th</u> Group 1 led by 5E	<u>October 19th</u> Group 2 led by 4HWG	<u>October 26th</u> Half Term	<u>November 2nd</u> Group 1 led by 3B	<u>November 9th</u> Group 2 led by 3M
<u>November 16th</u> Group 1 led by 2R	<u>November 23rd</u> Group 2 led by 2M	<u>November 30th</u> Group 1 led by 6A	<u>December 7th</u> Group 2 led by 6FT	

Group 1: Hedgehogs, 1YD, 2R, 3B, 4S, 5E, 6A

Group 2: Badgers, 1M, 2M, 3M, 4HWG, 5B, 6FT

Friday Class Assemblies, Autumn Term 2021

<u>September 17th</u> Class - 3M	<u>September 24th</u> Class - 4S	<u>October 1st</u> Class - 4HWG	Class 5E assembly date to be confirmed
<u>October 15th</u> Class - 5B	<u>November 19th</u> Class - 6A	<u>November 26th</u> Class - 6FT	



The Bishops' PTA



The PTA would like to welcome all our new families to The Bishops', we hope you will be very happy here!

Thank you to everyone who purchased Adventure Island tickets. These are now sold out. We will be looking to purchase more for the 2022 season.

Our AGM and first meeting of the year are being held on Tuesday 28th September, alongside a Pizza and Prosecco evening. Please join us if you are able. All PTA roles will be available for candidates to nominate themselves for as all current members have to legally step down and be re-elected. If you would like more information or to confirm attendance for the evening please email thebishopspta@gmail.com.

Many thanks

The PTA team

Contact us: thebishopspta@gmail.com,

Find us @BishopsPta, Or The Bishops' School PTA on Facebook



Leave of absence forms—please complete a form (see below), if your child is going to be absent for a secondary school tour or to take a grammar school entrance test, thank you.

Community News/Notices

This week, please checkout the community page on our website ('**News/General News**') for:

Secondary School Open Event Information

As well as:

Helpful hints on helping your children (and you) keep going and keep healthy in mind as well as body, and, Information on useful organisations, children's activities, community events and local businesses.

The Bishops' School

Contact us on: 01245 460107 / admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk

Website: www.bishops.essex.sch.uk

Reporting Absences:

Illness—please telephone or email by 9am

Medical appointments—please provide copy of appointment letter in advance

All other absences—please complete a leave of absence form in advance

Forgotten items: Essential items only, drop off by prior arrangement

Please wear a mask in the entrance foyer, thank you

Notifying Us: Forms for leave of absence, administering medicine, change of details etc. are available on our website under 'Parents' and 'Notify Us', please send in completed forms to the email above or via your child's teacher